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**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT**

Date: December 5, 1995
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FOLREP No.: POLREP 4
Reporting Period: November 13 through December 4, 1995
Site No.: VE
Delivery Order No.: 5001-05-377 Smith Environmental
Response Authority: CERCLA Removal Action (Time Critical)
CERCLIS No.: Not Applicable
NPL Status: Not on the NPL
State Notification: IEPA Notified
Action Memorandum Status: Approved
Start Date: October 17, 1995

Site Information:

The North Shore Group site is an abandoned 4-story building containing scattered containers of pesticides and solvents (see polrep 1 for more detailed information).

Current Situation:

Removal activities continued throughout this reporting period. Weather conditions throughout this reporting period: 28° to 50°F, with some snow flurries.

Removal Activities To Date:

During this reporting period, inventorying of all chemicals in the building was completed. All pesticide chemicals (solids, liquids, and aerosols) were lab packed into 53 drums. All containers of unknown or questionable contents were sampled and hazard categorized. These containers were then staged according to their hazard categorization group. Hazard groups are flammable liquids, flammable poison liquids, dyes, and non-regulated solids. Flammable poison liquids were consolidated into one drum and flammable liquids into 30 55-gallon drums. Non-regulated solids were solidified with flyash. The UST located adjacent to the building was pumped out and into one drum. Empty containers were crushed. A composite sample of dyes was solidified with portland cement and sent in for TCLP metal analysis. Composite samples of each dyes, flammable liquids, and flammable poison liquids was sent

for disposal approval. A composite sample of the solidified non-regulated material is being analyzed for landfill parameters. The crew began digging out a UST located in yard adjacent to building. Security continued at the site during off-hours.

Enforcement:

The owners and operators of the North Shore site have been located and have been served Notice Letters and 104(e) information request letters.

Planned Removal Activities:

See POLREP 1.

Next Steps:

- Dispose of all hazardous material.
- Complete removal of underground storage tank and any additional USTs.
- Decontaminate equipment used on-site.
- Demobilize equipment, supplies, and personnel.
- Continue off-hours armed security.

Key issues:

Large quantities of asbestos remain in the building and will have to be removed prior to demolition. The City of Chicago will remove the asbestos material prior to building demolition.

Cost Information:

	<u>Costs To Date</u>	<u>Ceiling</u>
ERCS Contractor	\$178,712*	\$200,000
TAT Contractor	\$ 10,440**	\$ 17,500
U.S. EPA	\$ 19,091**	\$ 25,000

* as of November 30, 1995

** as of December 1, 1995